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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: POLISH DEMARCHE ON CONSULTATIVE STATUS

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, POLISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES MADE DEMARCHE AT DEPARTMENT ON JULY 18 REGARDING POLAND'S ASSERTION OF STATUS AS CONSULTATIVE PARTY UNDER ARTICLE CONFIDENTIAL

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 $\mathrm{IX}(2)$ OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY. THE TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED BY THE POLISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF

THE 12 STATES-PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY WILL BE HELD IN LONDON ON JULY 25, 1977. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS TO PREPARE FOR THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE 12 STATES TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS-INTER ALIA-THE POLISH MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE SESSIONS OF STATES-PARTIES TO THE TREATY AND TO RECEIVE THE SAME RIGHTS WHICH THE 12 COUNTRIES HAVE AMONG THE 18 STATES-PARTIES TO THE TREATY.

POLAND HAS UNDERTAKEN IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTARCTIC. THE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE EMBASSIES OF THE STATES-PARTIES TO THE TREATY IN WARSAW AND THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ITS CAPACITY AS DEPOSITARY OF THE TREATY ON MARCH 2, MAY 26 AND JUNE 11, 1977. ON JULY 11, 1977 WE HAVE USED THE SAME CHANNELS TO SEND AN OFFICIAL NOTE IN WHICH WE ASKED FOR SUPPORT OF OUR MOTION TO PARTICIPATE.

WE INTERVENE NOW TO SECURE THE SUPPORT OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING ON JULY 25, 1977 FOR A POLISH MOTION TO ALLOW POLAND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NINTH AND ALL THE FUTURE CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS.

IN THIS CONNECTION WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT: CONFIDENTIAL

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--THE GROUP OF 12 ORIGINAL TREATY STATES-PARTIES WAS NOT CREATED AS A CLOSED BODY SINCE THE ANTARCTIC TREATY IN ARTICLE IX PARA 2 ALLOWS FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS BROADENING BY THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BECAME PARTIES TO THE TREATY AFTER IT WAS SIGNED. THIS CONCERNS POLAND, WHICH DEPOSITED THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE TREATY'S RATIFICATION ON JUNE 8, 1961.

--TO OBTAIN THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS IT IS NECESSARY TO QUOTE CONDUCT IN THE ANTARCTIC SUBSTANTIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SUCH AS ESTABLISHMENT OF SCIENTIFIC STATION OR THE DESPATCH OF A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION END QUOTE. POLAND HAS FULFILLED BOTH THESE CONDITIONS BY ESTABLISHING THE STATION AND SENDING SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.

OUR SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH WORK THERE IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. IT WAS CONFIRMED AS SUCH BY THE SCIENTISTS REPRESENTING OTHER COUNTRIES EITHER ON THE SPOT OR THROUGH THE INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CIRCULATED AMONG ALL THE PARTIES OF THE TREATY.

THIS MATTER IS ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO POLAND AND WE EXPECT GENUINE SUPPORT FOR OUR MOTION.

WE WILL BE GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR CONVEYING OUR POSITION TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE. END QUOTE

- 2. DEMARCHE IS BEING MADE BY POLISH MFA IN ALL TREATY COUNTRIES WITH WHICH POLES HAVE RELATIONS. U.S. HAS BEEN REQUESTED, AS TREATY DEPOSITARY, TO PASS ON POLISH VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA.
- 3. ACTION: EMBASSY SANTIAGO AND EMBASSY PRETORIA ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUESTED TO CONVEY POLISH VIEWS TO HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NOTING U.S. ACTING SOLELY AS TREATY DEPOSITARY. VANCE

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